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Company men: Ray Cline and Harry Rositzke with their book jackets

THE CIA BOOKSHELF

U.S. publishers, who have cashed in on books about the excesses of the CIA, are ready to try the other side of the coin, with half a dozen former agents bringing out books in defense of the spy agency. Ray Cline, a former CIA deputy director and head of its intelligence-gathering operations, will have one published by Acropolis Books of Washington, D.C.; Quadrangle, a New York Times subsidiary, will bring out a book by Peer de Silva, a retired CIA station chief in Europe and Asia; Atheneum will publish one by David Phillips, former head of the CIA's Latin American desk, and The Reader's Digest Press will bring out another by ex-operative Harry Rositzke. William Colby, the former CIA director who had extensive field experience, is negotiating with Simon & Schuster, though he has not actually signed a contract. The one fictional work on the list, by ex-agent George Fill, will be for Signet, the paperback house.

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